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The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd
Chief Clerk/Administrator
The Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia SC 29210

**Re: Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC for Adjustments in Electric
Rate Schedules and Tariffs and Request for Accounting Order
Docket No.: 2018-318-E**

Dear Mrs. Boyd:

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-27-860, by letter dated October 8, 2018, Duke Energy Progress, LLC (the "Company") notified the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") of its intent to file an application seeking adjustments in the Company's electric rate schedules and tariffs. The mandatory notice period of thirty days has now expired. Therefore, enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket is the Company's Application for Adjustments in Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs and Request for an Accounting Order ("Application").

The Application also includes a request, for regulatory accounting purposes, for an accounting order pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-27-1540 and 26 S.C. Code Ann. Reg. 103-825 for approval to: (1) continue the deferral for coal ash compliance costs; (2) establish a regulatory asset at the time of the Asheville plant's retirement for the remaining net book value; (3) continue the deferral for ongoing costs incurred in connection with the deployment of new metering technology; (4) continue the deferral for ongoing grid improvement costs until such costs are included in customer rates; and (5) establish reserves for end of life nuclear costs as further explained in the Application.

Enclosed along with the Application is the Direct Testimony of the following witnesses on behalf of the Company:

1. Kodwo Ghartey-Tagoe
2. Laura Bateman
3. David L. Doss, Jr.
4. Janice Hager

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5. Kelvin Henderson
6. Robert Hevert
7. Retha Hunsicker
8. Jon F. Kerin
9. Joseph A. Miller, Jr.
10. Jay W. Oliver
11. John Panizza
12. Donald Schneider, Jr.
13. John L. Sullivan, III
14. Kendra A. Ward
15. Steven B. Wheeler
16. Dr. Julius A. Wright

By copy of this letter, the Company is also serving the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff and the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs with the enclosed verified Application, Direct Testimony, and Exhibits. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or require any further information.

Sincerely,



Heather Shirley Smith

Enclosure

cc: Nanette Edwards, Esq., Office of Regulatory Staff
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